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**JUSTICE LLOYD A. KARMEIER TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW
ATTORNEYS**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will preside, and administer the attorney's oath when 130 new lawyers are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Carbondale on Thursday, November 6.

The group is among 2,406 men and women who were certified as candidates and will be sworn in as Illinois attorneys at ceremonies in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts.

The Carbondale program in the Fifth Judicial District will begin at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Lesar School of Law Building, which is located on the campus of Southern Illinois University.

Justice Karmeier will preside over the ceremony and welcome the members of the class to the practice of law. SIU School of Law Dean Peter C. Alexander will welcome members of the class, families and friends to the law school.

Mark Hassakis, second vice-president of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), will be the opening speaker. Mr. Hassakis is a practitioner with the firm of Hassakis and Hassakis, P.C. in Mt. Vernon.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Circuit Court Judges David Sauer from the 4th Judicial Circuit; William J. Thurston from the 1st Judicial Circuit and James R. Williamson from the 1st Judicial Circuit; and Associate Judge Kathleen M. Alling from the 2nd Judicial Circuit.

Dean Peter C. Alexander will make the motion to admit the class. Attorney John A. Hudspeth, Jr., will second the motion to admit the class. Attorneys Michael V. Oshel and Bruce Cook will also second the motion to admit the class.

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A reception will follow.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination and an ethics examination; and were certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 86,000.

Media coverage is invited.

The counties in the Fifth Judicial District are: Christian, Shelby, Montgomery, Bond, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford, Lawrence, Richland, Clay, Wayne, Marion, Jefferson, Clinton, Washington, St. Clair, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Hamilton, White, Edwards, Wabash, Gallatin, Saline, Williamson, Jackson, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski and Massac.

Ceremonies in the other districts will be held in Chicago, Springfield, Moline and Elgin.

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